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SUBJ: MEETING IN HAMBURG OF SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICERS IN NATO
DEFENSE MINISTRIES -- NOVEMBER 17-18, 1975

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SUMMARY: NATO DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SUGGESTS THAT MEETING
OF SENIOR MOD INFORMATION OFFICERS FROM NATO COUNTRIES
NOVEMBER 17-18, 1975, IN HAMBURG, TENTATIVELY PROPOSED BY
MOD-BONN, REPLACE NATO'S REGULAR FALL CONFERENCE OF MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE INFORMATION OFFICIALS (MODIO). MISSION REQUESTS
GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION KOREN HAS INFORMED MISSION
OF TENTATIVE PROPOSAL BY MOD-BONN TO HOLD MEETING IN HAMBURG
NOVEMBER 17-18, 1975, OF SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICERS OF NATO
DEFENSE MINISTRIES. PURPOSE OF MEETING WOULD BE TO DISCUSS
DEFENSE INFORMATION MATTERS WHERE JOINT INTEREST EXISTS
BETWEEN GERMANY AND HER ALLIES. FRG WOULD INVITE
SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICERS OF ALL NATO MOD'S, ALONG
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WITH CHIEF OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OF SHAPE, PUBLIC
AFFAIRS ADVISOR OF NATO'S INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF
AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE.

2. TENTATIVE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. OPENING ADDRESS: MAIN PROBLEMS OF GERMAN SECURITY POLICY -- MEMBER OF FRG CABINET OR OTHER SENIOR POLITICAL LEADER
- B. KEYNOTE ADDRESS -- MR. ARNIM HALLE, DIRECTOR GENERAL, PRESS AND INFORMATION SERVICE, MOD-BONN.
- C. INFORMATION PROBLEMS RELATED TO PRESENTING A JOINT DEFENSE POSTURE TO THE PUBLIC -- INTRODUCTION BY NATO DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION CLAUS KOREN, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION.
- D. HELICOPTER FLIGHT ALONG EAST GERMAN BORDER.
- E. PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF THE STATIONING OF ALLIED FORCES ON GERMAN SOIL -- INTRODUCTION BY MR. HALLE, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION.

3. IN VIEW OF PROPOSED MEETING IN HAMBURG, KOREN SUGGESTS THAT NORMAL MODIO MEETING NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR; FOR SAME PEOPLE WOULD BE INVITED TO HAMBURG TO DEAL WITH AN AGENDA WHICH IN PART WOULD COVER SUBSTANCE OF NORMAL MODIO MEETING. KOREN NOTES THAT UNDER THIS PROPOSAL TRAVEL COSTS OF SOME NATIONS WOULD BE REDUCED SINCE MANY OF DELEGATES WOULD HAVE TO TRAVEL TO HAMBURG ANYWAY TO ASSIST THEIR DEFENSE MINISTERS AT NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 19-24.

4. MISSION REGARDS PROPOSAL OF KOREN AND MOD-BONN AS SOUND AND RECOMMENDS THAT U.S. CONCUR.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR NEXT CICR MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 12. STREATOR

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